

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] Embodiments of an image pickup device and an image pickup device manufacturing method according to the present invention shall now be described in detail using Figs. 2, 3A to 4C, 5, 6A to 8B, 9, [[11A]] 10A to 11D and 12. In the description of the drawings, the same symbols shall be attached to portions and elements that are the same and redundant description shall be omitted.